1993-94, and the income returned therein, the approximate number of assessees in different slabs of income ars as follows:—

Slabs of Income	No. of assesseex (In lakhs)
Company Cases	
less than Rs. 50,000 . .	0.92
Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 5 lakhs .	0.10
Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs .	0.49
dle than Rs. 10 lakhs . .	0.23
Non-Company Cases	
less than Rs. 2 lakhs . .	85.97
Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs .	0.28
Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 .akhs .	0.16
More than Rs. 10 lakhs . .	0.14

(c) The total outstanding demand as on 31-3-1994 in respect of Income-tax and Corporation-tax was Rs. 13,360.26 crores. The number of arrear cases as on 31-3-1994 is still under compilation. However, the number of such cases as on 31-3-1993 was 38,10,428.

The following steps are taken to reduce the arrears:

(i) high priority is given to the work of reduction of arrear demand;

(ii) in cases involving demands of Rs. 1 lakh and above dossiers are maintained and collection is monitored regularly;

(iii) appellate authorities including the Courts are regularly moved for early disposal of appeals/vacation of stays wherever granted;

(iv) Coercive measures like attachment and sale of property, levy of penalty, etc. are also taken in suitable cases.

Failure rtae of switching systems

*224. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of complaints from technicians that failure rates of switching systems offered by multinationals like Siemens etc. are much higher than those developed by C-DOT; and

(b) if so, what is the data available with Government on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

Recommendations on the Ram Mohan Rao Committee on Small & Medium Newspapers

*226. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of Ram Mohan Rao Committee on the small and medium newspapers submitted to Government on the 27th December, 1990; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to improve the financial status of small newspapers in regional languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Out of 12 recommendations made by the Committee, 11 have been accepted with some minor modifications in some cases. Statement-I thereof is laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(b) Statement-II giving details of facilities which have some bearing on financial status of small newspapers including those in regional languages is laid on the Table of the House.